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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF THESSALONIKI PRESS

REF: THESSALONIKI 0744

1. BOTH MORNING PAPERS OF NOVEMBER 28 CARRY BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT ON ABOLITION OF LOCAL CENSORSHIP AND MEETINGS OF MIL CMDR TASSOPOULOS WITH LOCAL PUBLISHERS (REFTEL). PRESS, NEVERTHELESS, LARGELY DOMINATED BY SPECULATION FROM ATHENS SOURCES ON LIKELY CONTENTS OF SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 28 ANNOUNCEMENT BY PM ANDROUTSOPOULOS, PARTICULARLY POSSIBLE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. FOLLOWING ARE LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST, EXCEPT FOR EDITORIAL COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT ON PRICES REPORTED BY REFTELS (THESSALONIKI 0747 AND 0748).

2. "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" REPORTS CONTINUING RELEASE OF STUDENTS HELD FOR ROLE IN NOVEMBER 17 DISORDERS AND PREDICTS THAT 20 STILL IN JAIL HERE MAY BE HELD UNTIL CHARGES REVIEWED. ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES UNIDENTIFIED ATHENS SOURCE THAT DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY NOVEMBER 29 ON POSSIBLE RELEASE OF ALL STUDENTS STILL HELD IN BOTH CITIES.

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3. BRIEF FRONTPAGE ANNOUNCEMENT IN "VORRAS" REPORTS
THAT "UNKNOWN PERSONS" PLACED WREATH NOVEMBER 27 AT
THESS MONUMENT TO KING CONSTANTINE I AT VARDAR (METAXAS)
SQUARE. WREATH LATER REMOVED BY POLICE. NOTE:
THE FIRST PRESS REFERENCE TO ROYALIST SENTIMENT
HERE SINCE ABOLITION OF MONARCHY. PASSERSBY REPORTED,
HOWEVER, THAT SMALL WREATH, IN FACT, LAID ST. DEMETRIOS DAY
(OCTOBER 26) AND NOT NOTICED UNTIL NOW.
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